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State Lab. #:

Bordetella Pertussis PCR Submittal Form

Patient Name: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____

Date of onset: _____

Duration of cough: _____

Coughing spasms: _____

Physician's Name: _____

Inspiratory Whoop: _____

Post-tussive vomiting: _____

Return Report to:

Name: _____

Date of Specimen Collection: _____

Address: _____

Date of Culture Inoculation: _____

Phone: _____

Culture Result: _____

Report of State Laboratory Investigation

PCR Detection of Bordetella Pertussis Nucleic Acids:

Date of Specimen Receipt: _____

Date of Nucleic Acid Extraction: _____

Date of PCR: _____

PCR Result*: _____

***Disclaimer:** PCR is a Research tool only and results must not be used for diagnostic purposes.

Date Reported: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Specimen Collection and Transport

- A. Collect nasopharyngeal specimen using a dacron swab.
- B. After streaking plating media for culture identification, the local public health laboratory will forward the swab to the Microbial Diseases Laboratory for PCR. The swab should be placed in a sterile, 15 ml. tube and shipped at a refrigerated temperature to Will Probert, Special Pathogens Unit, Microbial Diseases Laboratory, Department of Health Services, 850 Marina Bay Parkway, Richmond, CA 94804. Alternatively, the swabs can be stored at – 20 °C and shipped in bulk.